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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

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1. (Amended-Clean Text) A nonaqueous electrolyte rechargeable battery comprising:  
an electrode group including a positive electrode plate including a positive electrode material, a negative electrode plate, the positive and negative electrode plates being superposed and wound with a separator interposed therebetween;